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SUBJ: VOLTAN MONTHLY LAUNCHED

FOR IBS, IPS; STATE PASS PEACE CORPS

1. OUAGADOUGOU, SEPT 24 - UPPER VOLTA'S MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE HAS LAUNCHED A MONTHLY MAGAZINE AIMED AT PROMOTING RURAL DEVELOPMENT. THE PUBLICATION IS CALLED "ESSOR RURAL" (RURAL PROGRESS) AND IS DESTINED PRIMARILY FOR EXTENSION AGENTS WORKING IN AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, IRRIGATION, REFORESTATION, SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION, MODERNIZATION OF VILLAGE SOCIETY AND OTHER AREAS OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

2. THE FIRST ISSUE OF THIRTY-EIGHT PAGES, FOR INSTANCE, CONTAINS ARTICLES ABOUT MARKETING CATTLE, FIGHTING LOCUSTS, AND ORGANIZING FARM COOPERATIVES AND RURAL YOUTH CLUBS.

3. AGRICULTURE MINISTER ANTOINE DAKOURE (DAH-KOO-RAY) WROTE IN A FORWARD THAT "ESSOR RURAL" WOULD STRIVE TO MEET QUOTE THE NEED FOR ALL DEVELOPMENT AGENTS LIVING IN A RURAL MILIEU TO KEEP THEMSELVES INFORMED, TO MAINTAIN THEIR TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE, TO EXCHANGE THEIR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES AND TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS UNQUOTE (LA NECESSITE POUR TOUS LES AGENTS DE DEVELOPPEMENT VIVANT EN MILIEU RURAL DE S'INFORMER ET DE MAINTENIR LEURS CONNAISSANCES TECHNIQUES ET PROFESSIONNELLES, LA NECESSITE ENFIN POUR

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EUX D'ECHANGER LEURS EXPERIENCES PROFESSIONNELLES ET DE DONNER LEUR POINT DE VUE SUR LES PROBLEMES DE DEVELOPPEMENT).

4. AT A OUAGADOUGOU CEREMONY INAUGURATING THE MAGAZINE ON SEPT 22, MINISTER DAKOURE PRAISED TWO AMERICAN PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE SPENT THE LAST TWO YEARS HELPING MINISTRY OFFICIALS PLAN THE MAGAZINE. HE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE BRITISH RELIEF ORGANIZATION OXFAM, WHICH CONTRIBUTED 8,800 POUNDS, OR 5,400,000 CFA FRANCS, FOR EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.

5. "ESSOR RURAL HAS AN INITIAL PRESS RUN OF 2,775 COPIES. IT WILL BE SOLD PUBLICLY FOR 100 CFA FRANCS AN ISSUE AS WELL AS DISTRIBUTED TO GOVERNMENT WORKERS. INFORMATION ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS CAN BE OBTAINED BY WRITING TO "ESSOR RURAL," POST OFFICE BOX (BOITE POSTALE) 7007, OUAGADOUGOU. ALPERN

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